

WRTAC
July 13th, 2012
Community Medical Center

Called to order at 1155 by Dr. Gildea

Introductions made

Previous minutes approved

SQL presentations:

Kalispell Regional Medical Center case presentation:

(#1) 16 YO wrestler with a head bleed. CDC-Heads Up High School Sports.

(#2) 75 YO male- ATV accident. Numerous co-morbidities.

Butte- St. James

(#1) 57 YO male assault. GCS 8. Hypothermia. Re-warmed. Hypothermia discussion.

(#2) 21 YO male driver of roll-over , GCS 3. Multisystem injuries. Patient not intubated prior to arrival. Roll and check the back side of patient!

St Patrick Hospital case presentation:

(#1) 57 YO male bucked off of a horse x 2. Head bleed and PE's with filter placement. Returned for vena cava DVT.

(#2) Male driver of truck struck by a commercial bus.

(#3) 2YO drowning. Discussion re-warming techniques and supplies for peds.

(#4) 57YO male motorcyclist with very unusual reactions to medication.

(#5) 36YO male ATV roll. Down approximately 12 hours. Hypothermia. Grade 5 liver laceration. Transferred to Harborview. What is our capacity to take care of liver lacerations? When should they be transferred?

New Business:

- (1) Pax Images- when possible push pax. Preferred over sending a disk.**
- (2) Transfer of morbidly obese patients. Transfer patients with head and chest elevated for interfacility transport when c-spine is cleared. Discussion of difficulties using protective devices to secure c-spine and crew safety. MESI obtaining bariatric equipment. Hospitals should be prepared for the bariatric patient with lifting devices and beds to ensure safety for all.**
- (3) Communication in smaller communities for EMS and disaster planning.**

Old Business:

- 1) North Dakota Trauma Manual Update- For use of ED providers and staff. Currently being developed to meet needs for the State of Montana. Goal is to have it completed by Systems Conference.**
- 2) Improved activation rates in 2011.**
- 3) Consider monitoring patients with activations discharged to home.**
- 4) GCS and TEMP documentation improvement.**

State Report:

ATLS – Gayle at ghatch@mt.gov

Nov 2-3, 2012 class.

Working on dates for next year. Developing online ATLS course.

STCC for 2012

February 15th, May 9th, August 8th, November 14th

Web based Collector for paper abstract facilities still in the works.

Web based collector to have master-users to initiate web based instruction.

Designation/Verification

Re-designations: Whitefish- CTF Conrad- TRF

Re-designations due: Superior, Dillon.

New designation reviews: White Sulfur Springs TRF

New application: Terry -TRF

Focus review : Sheridan- TRF, Plentywood-TRF

39 Trauma facilities in the State of Montana have trauma designation.

2012 Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium September 13th and 14th in Bozeman. Topics and speaker discussion. Don't forget MT Systems Conference is September 12. Discussion topics /speakers

Rural Flex Grant funds to support designation reviews, DI modular coding courses and PM study.

Injury Prevention: Bobbi at bperkins@mt.gov

Seat belt coalition is still hard at work.

St. Pat's has developed a distracted driving course for employees. Texting and driving discussion.

SBIRT. New tool kit available for practitioners.

"Stepping On" encouraged development of program in facilities in the Western Region.

Preparedness

BDLS

ADLS

Hospital Preparedness Grant

EMS -Children:

Transfer guidelines have been updated

Review of how we care for our children

EMS agencies with pediatric equipment needs contact Joe Hansen. Jhansen3@mt.gov

SPROC –State Partnership Regionalization of Care – goal is to develop program model to ensure the best pediatric care is given with the most effective use of resources.

Concussion management: Great information on the CDC website.

Emergency Care Committee:

Shari Graham, NREMT-P. New EMS System Manager
sgraham2@mt.gov (406) 444-6098.

EMD classes to be held in Great Falls in July or August.

Next ECC August 27, 2012. PHTLS classes available.

Committee Reports: WRTAC funds for scholarships for RMRTS equal 4 per facility and 4 per transporting agency. All in attendance in agreement. Western Region spends more on RMRTS than others.

Education and Finance

TOPICS posted on the EMSTS website. Modules for Peer review/PI, ERTAC Geriatric Module and the North Dakota Trauma Treatment Manual are available For the manual you may also go to <https://www.ndhealth.gov/trauma/>

\$6600. In account \$4000/annually in support of Rocky Mtn Rural Trauma Symposium.

- (1) AMTC conference in October. Dr Jessica Suess and Megan Hamilton will be speaking.**
- (2) Regional Nights Out per Megan Hamilton. First event is August 16th At Marcus Daly. Chest trauma pig lab.**

SYSTEM ISSUES

Discussion of bariatric considerations

Pediatric neurosurgery

Continue to monitor amount of fluids for resuscitation, initial temps and warming measures.

Air Medical Guidelines

Interfacility Transfers

Overview of Preventable Mortality Study

Planned Area Trauma Updates

- Careflight/CMC – Base closed as of August 13, 2012 due to low volumes. Oversight committee developed including St Patrick's Hospital and Community Medical Center members. Lifeflight contracted with CMC for flight services.
- Dillon- New hospital open. New acute care director. New helipad. Have been using some rattlesnake invenomation. Have a decontamination room. Review is coming up and they are very excited.
- Butte-Planning a MCI plane crash. Regional area involvement.

RN MEETING

- (1) Discussion of types of trauma meetings. Peer Review vs Trauma Committee.
- (2) Trauma Coordinators should be attending Peer Review.
- (3) Evidence Based Practice – presented by John Bleicher.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND EMS

- (1) Should we develop a regional triage plan or data base?
- (2) Radio channels discussion. Should we use alternate channels for MCI events?

Next Meeting October 12th at CMC.